

School Council Agenda
September 18, 2018
6:30 pm School Library

1. Welcome and Introductions

- New & former introductions

Attendance

Sarah Mohr, Sarah Kharaud, Meghan Cochrane, Maggie Watson, Zamal Ruffudden, Debra Zanon-Barclay, Tamara MacKinnon, Deanna Perrella, Mehmet Sahiner, An Shery

2. Principal's Report and School Updates

Staffing

-New Vice Principal: Ryan Day will be at Doon Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays; works the other half of his time at Queen Elizabeth; came from Secondary panel and at-risk programs

-Brittany Wellington took over for Linnea Bates who used to teach math; Linnea Bates is now the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT)

-Carolyn Irwin 0.2 teaching assignment in English to the French Immersion classes

-Allison Barnes has extended her leave for another month and may come back in October; difficult to staff French speaking positions so hopefully she will return as planned; national problem with the shortage of French teachers

-no re-organization of classrooms required this year; received an extra class in the spring for grade 7's; grade 7 classes are approximately 26 students; grade 8's are at 31-32 students; total 440 student body (similar to last year)

-Music teacher is expecting and due in March; job will be posted at that time and takes a unique skill set to engage the entire school in music

Character Education

-fabulous first week; school worked on class building with several homeroom sessions

-'Live Different' returned for a first week assembly to set a positive tone for the school year; theme was Kindness Matters and is a focus for the year

Terry Fox Run

-September 28th at the school; goal is to reach \$1000

Learning for Students

-Linnea Bates, Brianne McArthur & Lindsay Kurt (Special Education team) are working as a team to discover needs for students e.g. enrichment, student profiles etc.

PD Day

-Staff will be working on the School Improvement Plan

-3 goals of the SIP (School Improvement Plan)

- supporting students at risk e.g. kids who struggled with EQAO (targeted instruction)

- building conceptual understanding in mathematics

- well-being & community; working on a feeling of belonging that will encourage risk taking; already started with first week activities, grade 8 camp etc.

-administration is also working on Digital Learning and with a Principal leader (Bobbie Chatha) to support 3 goals

-staff will be reviewing Daily Physical Activity & its importance to occur for students daily

Clubs & Activities

Football

-50 boys tried out and 50 girls; Paul Nagge is working on putting together 2 teams; Anne Vicente had to make some cuts to the girls team but made a team of about 25

Robotics Club

-3 teams have been formed; runs after school

Knitting Club

-will be up and running soon

Chess

-hoping to get a chess club running

Yearbook

-Martha hoping Mrs. McDowell will run yearbook again

Grade 8 Camp

-170 kids left today for Camp Walden in Bancroft; some students were going away for the first time; Beverlie really appreciates the teachers taking the students to camp

Intramurals

-will be upcoming soon

3. Teacher's Report

-Shauna Nelson is the teacher representative but is attending camp; principal reported on behalf of the teacher's report

4. Treasurer's Report

-balance of approximately \$16 000 balance to begin the year; there will be an outstanding invoice for 15 stones at \$200 each that will have to be paid
-reviewed what was spent last year; eg. grants that teacher rep pulled last year for gaga pits etc.

5. Council Led Projects

Nutrition for Learning

-table is set up each break in food groups: grains, protein, fruits & veggies
-ESNS: Elementary School Nutrition Services profit from last year was \$6872.87
-Meal of Fortune: purchased from New Dundee Bakery but closed so ESNS took over \$1972
-approximately \$4900 total for council for this year which is a great profit return
-bringing in Holy Guacamole & Swiss Chalet
-popcorn machine was also purchase last year
-Farm to Table was posted on School Day as a fundraiser; encouraged to purchase to support nutrition for learning

6. Fundraising Initiatives/Staff Wish List

-last year: Jersey Mike's Fundraiser gave each student for a free sub with a \$2 donation; they want to do it again this year as it was very successful

Staff Wishes

-iPad covers
-DPA bins for classrooms (although the school funds likely has this covered)
-nets for hoops (if not already on the nets)
-main request: student subsidies for grade 8 camp and class trips
-student headphones for noise; google read & write is necessary for students with reading disabilities but is good for all so need headphones to block out noise for each class
-purchase 2 stationary bikes for Special Education Resource Room
-SERT team will research pricing and get back to council for the next meeting but council is on board with purchasing bikes and headphones & will hear other requests

7. Elections

- a) **Co-chair:** Sarah Kharard
- b) **Treasurer:** Zamal Ruffudeen
- c) **Secretary:** Maggie Watson

8. Other Business

-Tamara suggested taking a picture of the calendar board outside of the office and posting it so parents are aware of intramurals and upcoming events etc. (Meghan was hoping for a list indicating sports being offered etc so this would help)

-Uniform link on School Day is closed; parent requested it be opened as missed the deadline; parent was directed to the secretary to get the link open for the uniform

Facility Challenges? Zamal wondered about the condition of the building

-hallways are narrow; classrooms are a decent size; biggest issue is air conditioning; - first day of school was extremely hot

-only 3 portables in the past there were 5 more; AC installed in the library

-each classroom has multiple fans

-outdoor classroom setting with the stones also helps; waiting for picnic tables in the shade by the portables

-drinking water station reported by one parent to be broken; Ryan Day will put in a work order to have it repaired

9. Future Meeting Dates

October 9th, November 13th, January 8th, February 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June date TBD if needed